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TOPIC Volkspolizei Dienststelle in Meiningen

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. In mid-April 1951, the Volkspolizei Dienststelle (VPD) in Meiningen consisted of 2 infantry Kommandos and 1 artillery Kommando, numbering about 300 police each, which were located in the Polizei Kaserne at Meiningen; and of 7 Sonderabteilungen. The seven Sonderabteilungen were artillery, telephone, radio, mortar, heavy machine gun, AAA and AT artillery units, and had a total strength of 400 police, which occupied the Flieger Schule in Suhl. *
2. Key officers of the Kommandos in Meiningen were VP Kommandeur Bisewski, (fnu), commanding officer; and VP Oberrat Laubach, (fnu), PK officer. The officers of the Sonderabteilungen in Suhl included VP Kommandeur Baltasar, (fnu), commanding officer; VP Rat Donbrowski, (fnu), chief of staff; VP Rat Dittmar, (fnu), director of training; VP Rat Waterstat, (fnu), holding an undetermined appointment; and VP Kommissar August Hacker, commanding officer of the 5th AAA Sonderabteilung.
3. The VPD elements in Meiningen were armed with 12 to 15x80-mm and 120-mm mortars, and 12 to 15x75-mm and 105-mm guns, while the units in Suhl had 1x75-mm gun and 1x122-mm gun. All weapons were used only for drill. Weapons and spare parts were allocated from a central depot in Berlin.
4. It was said that 48x75-mm and 105-mm guns were stored at the Dreissigacker area, about 2 km south of Meiningen. They were earmarked for issue to the VPD Kommandos in Meiningen. **
5. In April 1951, the 5th AAA Sonderabteilung received theoretical instruction in aircraft identification, aircraft warning service, AAA techniques and the construction of AA gun emplacements. It was said that practical training [redacted] when 25X1 the Sonderabteilung would move to an airfield, allegedly that of Dessau-North.

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25X1A [redacted] stated that three infantry Kommandos were located in the barracks installation on Knochenhauerstrasse in Meiningen, while the artillery 25X1A

25X1 Kommando and the seven Sonderabteilungen were stationed in Suhl. [redacted]

[redacted]. Furthermore, the branches of service of the Sonderabteilungen mentioned in the present report are doubted. The reference report indicated that the seven Sonderabteilungen were reconnaissance, signal-communications, engineer, mortar, AAA, AT

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Artillery and armored units.

Comment. If the complete artillery equipment for the VPD were actually stored there, there were probably only 6 to 12 Soviet 76-mm field guns and 8 to 12 Soviet 122-mm field howitzers.

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